Rs. 4096 cr in the current year. Mainly as a result of these factors, the financial position of Railways has been considerably affected.

(b) Freight revenue and pension outgo during 1997-98 and 1998- 99 were as under:

(*Rs. in Cr.*)

Year	Freight Earnings	Pension Outgo
1997-98	19866.38	3509.61
1998-99	19960.39	4144.03

Rush of Passengers in Delhi-Guwahati Trains

1782. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there is huge rush of passengers travelling from Delhi to Guwahati and vice-versa and that people do not get reservations due to long waiting; and

(b) if so, what action Government contemplate to increase the facilities for passengers going to North East, by introducing more trains or increasing reservation quota from Delhi to Guwahati, in trains like Rajdhani Express, North East Express and Brahmaputra Mail?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) and (b) Though there is a large demand of passengers travelling from Delhi to Guwahati and vice-versa, the same is satisfied through day to day watch on the waiting list of all the trains of this sector and by augmenting their capacity to the extent feasible. In order to provide additional accommodation to passengers during current summer season, in addition to running of summer specials between Delhi and Guwahati, the Rajdhani Express and Avadh Express trains will also be augmented by additional coaches.